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ONCE AGAIN, CLAIM 9 WAS NOT REJECTED ON ANY BASIS

Claim 9 has been indicated as rejected but no basis for such a rejection has been provided. This situation was brought to the Examiner's attention in the response to the previous Office Action. Without a basis for a rejection, the claim is properly allowable.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, issuance of a Notice of Allowance is most earnestly solicited.

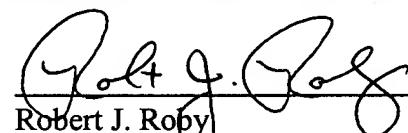
The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the rejections in the case and to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney, Robert J. Roby at (949) 721-6359 (direct line) in order to resolve such issue promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

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